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1	P R O C E E D I N G S
2	April 22, 1997 3 p.m.
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4	(The following proceedings were reported by
5	Suzette Moschella:)
6	THE COURT: While we're waiting, that last
7	lettered exhibit which I said was Defendant's CC
8	is really Defendant's P; is that correct?
9	THE CLERK: Right.
10	THE COURT: Is the record correct on all of
11	that now?
12	MR. CRIST: Your Honor, I have no objection
13	with respect to the document itself, but it's
14	beyond the scope of cross.
15	THE COURT: Are you objecting for it to be
16	moved into evidence?
17	MR. CRIST: Examination with respect to it
18	yes, Your Honor, I do intend to object. And I
19	don't have a copy of that document, so --
20	THE COURT: May I see it?
21	MR. MOTLEY: Yes, sir, I was handing it to
22	the clerk to give you.
23	THE COURT: Is there some specific part that
24	you're offering?
25	MR. MOTLEY: Yes, sir, let me get you the
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1	part. Here.
2	THE COURT: Let me see if I can find this
3	here. Judge, it's this sentence right here. The
4	first sentence. It's tagged.
5	THE COURT: The first sentence in the second
6	paragraph.
7	MR. MOTLEY: The one that's got a little red
8	thing beside it.

9 THE COURT: Okay.  
10 MR. MOTLEY: Judge, I'll tell you what,  
11 I'll save time and move on. I've got one more  
12 question and I'm done. I don't want you to have  
13 to read that whole thing. I'll just use it  
14 tomorrow.  
15 BY MR. MOTLEY:  
16 Q You were asked about Alka-Seltzer?  
17 A Yes.  
18 Q And the use of a cartoon character?  
19 A Yes.  
20 Q Dr. Pollay, to your knowledge, has  
21 Alka-Seltzer been accused of causing lung cancer?  
22 A No.  
23 MR. CRIST: Objection, Your Honor.  
24 THE COURT: Sustained.  
25 MR. MOTLEY: No further questions.  
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1 THE COURT: Any recross, Mr Crist?  
2 MR. CRIST: Yes, Your Honor, very briefly.  
3 RECROSS EXAMINATION  
4 BY MR. CRIST:  
5 Q Dr. Pollay, you were asked on redirect  
6 examination about what has been marked as Plaintiff's  
7 Exhibit 39; do you remember that?  
8 A Yes.  
9 THE COURT: It's 49.  
10 A 39 doesn't register. The content or the  
11 title?  
12 MR. CRIST: Your Honor?  
13 THE COURT: I believe I changed that to 49.  
14 MR. CRIST: You're right.  
15 Q Let me show you, Dr. Pollay, 49.  
16 MR. CRIST: I didn't catch the change, Your  
17 Honor.  
18 Q Do you recall the portion of this document  
19 that you brought to the attention of the jury on page  
20 2, Dr. Pollay? Do you remember that?  
21 A Yes.  
22 Q Dr. Pollay, isn't it true that this entire  
23 document is evaluating a new concept which would be a  
24 high nicotine -- comparatively high nicotine versus  
25 tar cigarette, that's what this document's about,  
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1 isn't it?  
2 A No, this isn't about cigarettes at all.  
3 This is about nicotine delivery systems that are other  
4 than cigarettes, gum, mouthwashes candy, etc.  
5 Q And what this portion of this document, Dr.  
6 Pollay, is discussing is what consumers' attitudes or  
7 understandings are with respect to nicotine, correct?  
8 A Yes, that's part of it. And to the extent  
9 to which they see nicotine as the villain or tar as  
10 the villain.  
11 Q And, Dr. Pollay, the author of this document  
12 concludes, he not, that a lot of people think that  
13 nicotine is bad, and that's why they don't understand,  
14 isn't it?  
15 A Yes, that's part of the confusion.  
16 Q The entire document is premised upon the  
17 conclusion of the '64 Surgeon General Advisory

18 Committee report that nicotine does not have -- cause  
19 any dangerous functional changes, isn't it?  
20 A I don't know that. I don't see any  
21 reference in here to the '64 Surgeon General's report.  
22 Q But it's to the same concept, isn't it, that  
23 people do not understand that nicotine had, in this  
24 and other contexts, been found not to have -- or to  
25 cause any dangerous functional changes; isn't that

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1 correct?  
2 A I can't vouch for that. I mean, I can only  
3 tell you what this study is.  
4 Q The fundamental point of this study, Dr.  
5 Pollay, was that a lot of people thought that nicotine  
6 was bad, but the author was saying the evidence  
7 doesn't support that, right?  
8 A I don't see the author saying that. They  
9 certainly do point out the consumer confusion in here.  
10 Q And the consumer confusion was that more  
11 people thought nicotine was bad than this author  
12 thought was appropriate, isn't that the conclusion of  
13 this document?  
14 A I don't remember that being the conclusion,  
15 but that may be a -- told of the document.  
16 Q Dr. Pollay, let me turn now to another  
17 topic, if I can. Mr. Motley showed you a couple of  
18 sentences out of what has been marked as Plaintiff's  
19 Exhibit 50; do you remember that?  
20 A Again, the 50 doesn't ring a bell to me.  
21 THE COURT: Show him the document.  
22 MR. CRIST: Do you have it, sir? I think he  
23 has it, Your Honor.  
24 A If you would give me the title.  
25 MR. CRIST: May I approach?

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1 THE COURT: Yes.  
2 BY MR. CRIST:  
3 Q Dr. Pollay, the first time -- strike that.  
4 This is a document which you also have in  
5 your archives, right?  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q It's a document you have in your archives  
8 because somebody sent it to you in an anonymous  
9 envelope with no return address on it, right?  
10 A That's correct.  
11 Q Now, Dr. Pollay, this document was sent to  
12 whom? Who did this document go to? Strike that.  
13 Let me back up. Who within R. J. Reynolds  
14 Tobacco Company was the addressee of this document?  
15 A There is no distribution list on the  
16 document.  
17 Q Who within R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company  
18 received a copy of this document, Dr. Pollay?  
19 A As I say, there is no distribution list on  
20 the document.  
21 Q And the fact of the matter is that not only  
22 is there no distribution list on this document, but  
23 you don't know if anybody ever received it, do you?  
24 A That's correct.  
25 Q And in addition to that, Dr. Pollay, what

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1 you do know is that unlike the document you received  
2 in the anonymous envelope, this document has "draft"  
3 on it, doesn't it?

4 A Yes, it does, on page one, it says, Draft.

5 Q Now, the fact of the matter is that you have  
6 never seen any R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company  
7 documents that are convergent with this; isn't that  
8 right?

9 A Well, I've seen other R. J. Reynolds  
10 documents that also talk about youth targeting.

11 Q You have never seen any documents that are  
12 convergent with this, have you?

13 A I'm not sure what you mean by convergent,  
14 but I've seen other R. J. Reynolds documents that talk  
15 about youth targeting.

16 MR. CRIST: Your Honor, move to strike on  
17 the basis it's nonresponsive.

18 MR. MOTLEY: He asked what convergent --

19 A That seems convergent to me.

20 Q You have no idea, Dr. Pollay, whether this  
21 document --

22 MR. CRIST: I'm sorry, Your Honor, I  
23 apologize.

24 THE COURT: Why don't you do this, withdraw  
25 the question and put it to the witness and to the  
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1 Court with another word than "convergent,"  
2 because I don't know what that means either.

3 MR. CRIST: Okay. I'll do that, Your Honor.

4 BY MR. CRIST:

5 Q You have no idea, as you sit here today,  
6 whether or not this ever became part of any R. J.  
7 Reynolds Tobacco Company policy, do you?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q And you have no idea, as you sit here today,  
10 Dr. Pollay, whether or not this draft memorandum,  
11 which has no distribution list and which, as far as  
12 you know, was not sent to anybody, was ever acted on  
13 either, do you?

14 A Except for the documents we've seen earlier  
15 about the research tracking studies of 14 to  
16 17-year-olds that was going on at the same period of  
17 time?

18 MR. CRIST: Your Honor, I move to strike on  
19 the basis it's nonresponsive.

20 THE COURT: Motion is granted. The jury  
21 will disregard. Please answer the question that  
22 is put to you, sir.

23 BY MR. CRIST:

24 Q The question that was put to you, Dr.  
25 Pollay, is that as you sit here today, you have no  
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1 idea whether or not this draft document, which has no  
2 distribution list and which, as far as you know, was  
3 sent to nobody, was ever acted on by R. J. Reynolds  
4 Tobacco Company; isn't that true?

5 A I guess that's true in the narrow sense.

6 Q It's true not only in the narrow sense, it's  
7 true in the absolute sense, isn't it?

8 MR. MOTLEY: Judge, if he's asking a

9 question like that, he ought to be allowed to  
10 answer.  
11 THE COURT: He hasn't answered.  
12 A I don't know what to do except repeat  
13 myself. I mean, in the same period of time they are  
14 doing studies of the youth market, the behavior of 14  
15 to 17-year-olds which seems to be convergent with  
16 this.  
17 THE COURT: We've abandoned the word  
18 "convergent."  
19 Let me say this, if a question is asked of  
20 you and you don't understand the question, then  
21 ask the lawyer to repeat the question or put it  
22 into terms that you can understand, and then  
23 answer the question. But if you don't understand  
24 the question, don't just answer any old question,  
25 answer -- ask him to reask -- the lawyer to

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1 rephrase.  
2 BY MR. CRIST:  
3 Q You were deposed in this case, were you not,  
4 Dr. Pollay?  
5 A Yes.  
6 Q And do you recall on October 15th, 1996,  
7 your deposition was taken and you were sworn?  
8 A Yes.  
9 Q And with respect to this document, do you  
10 recall giving these questions to these answers --  
11 MR. MOTLEY: You means these answers to  
12 these questions?  
13 MR. CRIST: That's what I mean.  
14 MR. MOTLEY: I don't object then, Judge.  
15 MR. CRIST: Maybe if I read them backwards.  
16 BY MR. CRIST:  
17 Q "Where did you get that document?  
18 "Answer, I don't recall. It's known  
19 generally as the Teague memorandum offered in 1973.  
20 "Question, It's marked confidential, isn't  
21 it?  
22 "Answer, Yes, it is.  
23 "Question, And you have no recollection of  
24 where you received this document from?  
25 "Answer, This document's in broad  
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1 circulation.  
2 "Question, Have you ever seen a copy of it  
3 with the stamp "draft" on the top?  
4 "Answer, No, I have not.  
5 "How long have you had this document?  
6 "Answer, I don't recall. I don't recall,  
7 but a year or so, something like that.  
8 "Question, Do you know who Mr. Teague is?  
9 "I believe he was a part of the research  
10 department.  
11 "Question, What do you know about the  
12 background of this document or why it was prepared?  
13 "Answer, Well, only that which is obvious  
14 within the document. I have no other documents  
15 convergent on this.  
16 "Question, Do you know whether this was ever  
17 part of Reynolds' policy or that Reynolds ever acted

18 on this document?  
19 "Answer, No, I do not."  
20 Did you give those answers to those  
21 questions?  
22 A Yes, I did.  
23 MR. CRIST: Your Honor, give me one second.  
24 THE COURT: Yes.  
25 THE CLERK: I don't have an Exhibit 50.  
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1 THE COURT: Hold on a second. You've  
2 referred to this as Plaintiff's Exhibit 50?  
3 MR. CRIST: No, Your Honor, I was referring  
4 to it as -- yes, Your Honor it is Plaintiff's  
5 Exhibit 50. This is the one --  
6 THE COURT: The clerk says he has no --  
7 MR. CRIST: This is the one Mr. Motley is to  
8 redact.  
9 THE COURT: Okay. I understand. Do you  
10 understand?  
11 THE CLERK: Yes, sir.  
12 MR. CRIST: Your Honor, I have no further  
13 questions.  
14 MR. MOTLEY: I just have a couple.  
15 THE COURT: All right.  
16 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION  
17 BY MR. MOTLEY:  
18 Q This is the one he was asking you about, see  
19 that?  
20 A Yes, sir.  
21 Q Correct? The mystery, the one that you  
22 don't know where it came from?  
23 A Yes.  
24 Q It's a mystery where it came from, right?  
25 A Well, in terms of how I obtained my copy.  
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1 It's was authored by Mr. Teague.  
2 Q Is it signed by Mr. Teague?  
3 A Yes.  
4 Q Here's one that's in evidence, this is  
5 Number 19. Does it have the same logo, RJR  
6 Confidential?  
7 A Yes, it does.  
8 Q Same format?  
9 A Yes, it does.  
10 Q Same page numbers down the side, these  
11 numbers on the side? Right there.  
12 A Yes.  
13 Q Each one has got the same -- different  
14 numbers, but the same numbering system?  
15 A Yes.  
16 Q Same court order stamp?  
17 MR. CRIST: Your Honor, I object, this is  
18 belaboring the obvious. This witness is not more  
19 qualified than anybody else to do this.  
20 MR. MOTLEY: Judge, he suggested -- may I be  
21 heard on this?  
22 THE COURT: I'll permit you to go on a  
23 little bit more.  
24 MR. MOTLEY: Thank you.  
25 BY MR. MOTLEY:  
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1 Q Same numbering system, the same signature,  
 2 the same logo, right?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q Both of them say, Confidential?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 Q Both of them have got the same court order  
 7 stamp?  
 8 A Yes.  
 9 Q Okay. Now, Mr. Crist asked you about the  
 10 document that you said was a nicotine substitute  
 11 document; do you recall that? This one.  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q They did more than ask about nicotine in  
 14 this document, didn't they, Doctor?  
 15 A Yes.  
 16 Q In fact, they asked these people if  
 17 cigarette smoking in moderation is safe; do you see  
 18 that?  
 19 A Yes. I haven't found it in the hard copy  
 20 yet.  
 21 Q Well, just look on the TV to save time.  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q And the question is that cigarette smoking  
 24 in moderation is safe, true or false; 41 thought it  
 25 was true, 29 thought it was false, and 30 didn't know,  
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1 correct?  
 2 A That's correct.  
 3 Q Tar in the smoke is what is harmful to your  
 4 health. 54 said that's true, 10 said it wasn't, 36  
 5 said they didn't know, right?  
 6 A That's correct.  
 7 Q Gas in the smoke is what is harmful to your  
 8 health. 12 said it was, 24 said that's false, and 64  
 9 didn't know, did they?  
 10 A That's correct.  
 11 Q Smokers actually live longer than people who  
 12 don't smoke at all. 3 said that that's true, 52 said  
 13 it was false, and 45 said they didn't know.  
 14 A That's correct.  
 15 Q Does that indicate that they knew everything  
 16 they needed to know about cigarettes, Doctor?  
 17 A No.  
 18 MR. CRIST: Objection, Your Honor.  
 19 THE COURT: Sustained. Anything else of  
 20 this witness?  
 21 MR. CRIST: No, Your Honor.  
 22 THE COURT: You may step down.  
 23 THE COURT: Do you have a 12 minute matter  
 24 to take care of? Wait a minute, hold on, before  
 25 he goes away.  
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1 MR. MOTLEY: Can I confer a second, Judge?  
 2 THE COURT: Yes.  
 3 MR. MOTLEY: Your Honor, what I suggest we  
 4 do so as to not take up the jury's time is to do  
 5 this at the end of the day. We can do this after  
 6 you excuse the jury. And he's not leaving until  
 7 the morning, so if he doesn't mind waiting  
 8 around.

9 THE COURT: Do you have something short?  
10 MR. MOTLEY: No, sir, nothing short.  
11 THE COURT: Let's take a break now. It's 20  
12 after by that clock. The recess will be until  
13 3:35 by that clock.  
14 (Brief recess.)  
15 (The following proceedings were held in open  
16 court, outside the presence of the jury:)  
17 MR. WILNER: Our next witness will be by  
18 deposition, and we would ask the court -- request  
19 that the deposition introductory instruction be  
20 given.  
21 MR. MOTLEY: I was going to tell the jury --  
22 THE COURT: Pardon me?  
23 MR. MOTLEY: I was just going to tell them  
24 where it was taken and when because it's not on  
25 the tape because we edited a bunch of stuff out  
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1 to save time. If counsel will permit, I'll just  
2 say who he is and where it was taken. I don't  
3 know what Mr. Wilner wanted to add after that.  
4 Just that it was taken in January -- there's two  
5 different back drops.  
6 THE COURT: Any objection to that?  
7 MR. CRIST: Not in principle, as long as  
8 long as there's not a lot of flourish.  
9 MR. MOTLEY: I had a drum roller in the  
10 back.  
11 THE COURT: Any music?  
12 MR. MOTLEY: Dr. Pollay has agreed to sing  
13 the national anthem of the United Kingdom.  
14 THE COURT: I've heard it's Oh, Canada.  
15 MR. MOTLEY: He does that one too.  
16 THE COURT: Okay. This is Sir --  
17 MR. MOTLEY: Sir Richard Doll.  
18 THE COURT: Sir Richard Doll, D-o-l-l.  
19 Recall the jury. How long is this?  
20 MR. MOTLEY: One hour and 27 minutes.  
21 (The following proceedings were had in open  
22 court, in the presence of the jury:)  
23 THE COURT: Members of the jury, the sworn  
24 testimony of Sir Richard Doll given before trial  
25 will now be played to you on videotape. You are  
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1 to consider and weigh this testimony as though  
2 the witness had testified here in person.  
3 MR. MOTLEY: Ladies and gentlemen, this  
4 deposition was taken on January 17th and January  
5 20th, but there's a part of it --  
6 THE COURT: What year.  
7 MR. MOTLEY: 1997. In Florida. But there's  
8 a few additions in the back that has a different  
9 back drop. It was taken on January 15th, but  
10 just in a different location, but it's the same  
11 series of deposition questions and the same  
12 lawyers.  
13 THE COURT: Thank you.  
14 (The videotape was played as follows:)  
15 BY MR. MOTLEY:  
16 Q Good morning. Would you please state your  
17 name for the record?



18 A Richard Doll.  
19 Q My name is Ron Motley, and I represent the  
20 state of Florida and the state of Texas. Good morning  
21 to you, sir.  
22 A Good morning.  
23 MR. MOTLEY: Your Honor, would you like for  
24 the attorneys --  
25 THE COURT: Stop. Stop the tape for just a  
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1 second.  
2 (The videotape was stopped.)  
3 THE COURT: Are you filming the jury?  
4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, sir. All I can  
5 see is the television monitor and that's it.  
6 THE COURT: Okay.  
7 (The videotape was played as follows:)  
8 MR. GROSSMAN: I'm Mr. Grossman, I'm the  
9 lawyer on behalf of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco  
10 Company.  
11 THE JUDGE: Mr. Grossman, you will be  
12 conducting cross examination.  
13 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, I will.  
14 BY MR. MOTLEY:  
15 Q Good morning again, Dr. Doll. Where do you  
16 live, sir?  
17 A I live in [DELETED].  
18 Q And how old a gentleman are you, sir?  
19 A I'm 84.  
20 Q And you are married?  
21 A Yes, I am, happily.  
22 Q Happily married. And I know you say that --  
23 Lady Doll, I believe, is here with us today.  
24 Do you have children, sir.  
25 A Yes.  
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1 Q How many do you have?  
2 A We have three.  
3 Q What is your profession, sir?  
4 A I am a medical physician who has specialized  
5 in epidemiology for the last 45 years.  
6 Q 45 years?  
7 A 50 years.  
8 Q 50 years. Sir, you have the name, in  
9 addition to Dr. Richard Doll, Sir Richard Doll. Can  
10 you tell us how you became to be called Sir Richard  
11 Doll?  
12 A Well, this is a title that is awarded in  
13 England technically by Her Majesty, but in fact by the  
14 government. And such titles -- a number are awarded  
15 every year for service to the country of one source or  
16 another.  
17 Q When did you receive this you ward, sir?  
18 A I forget exactly. 1967, was it? I think  
19 somewhere around there.  
20 Q And what was the basis for your receiving  
21 this award, sir?  
22 A The research work I had done which had --  
23 the results of which it was hoped would lead to  
24 improvement in public health.  
25 Q Dr. Doll, among your many honors over your  
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1 career, did you receive the Companion of Honor award  
2 in 1996?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q What is that, sir?

5 A That is a very high honor in England. It's  
6 only given to 60 people -- 65 people altogether, and I  
7 was delighted to get it. It's given to people in all  
8 walks of life: politics, art, science; and I was  
9 fortunate to be awarded it last year.

10 Q Sir, have you been appointed to membership  
11 and, indeed, become the director of the Medical  
12 Research Council of Great Britain?

13 A I have been employed by the Medical Research  
14 Council for a number of years, and then when I went to  
15 Oxford University, I became a member of Medical  
16 Research Council for some years.

17 Q What is the Medical Research Council?

18 A Medical Research Council is a body that is  
19 -- receives government money to do medical research  
20 which it organizes and is responsible for. So it has  
21 government money, but it doesn't carry out research as  
22 instructed by the government; it's own council  
23 determines what research it shall support. And the  
24 Department of Health has other money which does  
25 government-sponsored research. The Medical Research

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1 Council is an arm's length from the government.

2 Q Sir, have you received the United Nations  
3 award for cancer research?

4 A Yes, I have.

5 Q Have you received the presidential award of  
6 the New York Academy of Sciences?

7 A Yes, I have.

8 Q The Gold Medal from the British Medical  
9 Association?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And the Royal Medal from the Royal Society  
12 in Great Britain?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Dr. Doll, how many scientific articles have  
15 you authored?

16 A The last number in my bibliography is about  
17 436, I think.

18 Q Scientific articles?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Sir, can you tell us how many of those have  
21 dealt with cancer research, approximately?

22 A That's very difficult. Perhaps half.

23 Q How many of your articles, if you can  
24 approximate for the jury and the Court, of your  
25 articles have dealt with lung disease?

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1 A Well, this is guesswork. Perhaps getting  
2 over a hundred, I dare say.

3 Q Dr. Doll when did you first develop an  
4 interest in studying diseases caused by cigarette  
5 smoking?

6 A In 1947 when I was invited by Professor  
7 Bradford Hill to work with him the following year. I  
8 hadn't had any interest in it until then, but

9 naturally when he asked me to work with him to try to  
10 find out the causes for the increase in lung cancer  
11 which had occurred in Great Britain, I began trying to  
12 think of all of the possible things that might have  
13 been responsible for that increase; and cigarette  
14 smoking was, of course, one of the factors which was  
15 included.

16 Q Dr. Doll, when did you actually begin  
17 studying cigarette smoking in connection with lung  
18 cancer?

19 A First of January 1948.

20 Q Almost 50 years ago?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Would you describe for the ladies and  
23 gentlemen of the jury and the Court how you began your  
24 investigation, that is, what did you do?

25 A We arranged to interview patients with lung  
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1 cancer and ask them questions about their past  
2 experiences. Of course, the way we designed our  
3 study, which included making inquiries of patients  
4 with two other types of cancer, cancer of the stomach  
5 and cancer of the large bowel, and also a large number  
6 of control patients with other diseases. We also  
7 asked questions which might not have appeared to be a  
8 direct concern to patients with cancer of the lung,  
9 such as aspects as of their diets and the use of fried  
10 foods.

11 We also asked them about all of the  
12 illnesses they'd had, especially respiratory  
13 illnesses. We asked where they lived. We asked all  
14 of the occupations that people had had, occupations  
15 that they had had for more of one year in the  
16 industries in which they worked. We asked about their  
17 family history.

18 Q Is there a descriptive term that scientists  
19 use to describe the type of study that you began in  
20 1948?

21 A Yes, we call that a case control study in  
22 which you ask -- try to find out about the experience  
23 of -- past experiences of people with the disease  
24 you're interested in and people who haven't got that  
25 disease.

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1 Q All right, sir. Sir Richard, could you tell  
2 the jury and the Court what your study, the first one  
3 in 1950, on cigarette smoking and lung cancer  
4 revealed?

5 A It revealed a very close association between  
6 individual's smoking habits and the disease of lung  
7 cancer. We examined the results in detail relating --  
8 for example, relating us only to the amount that  
9 people smoked, the age at which they started smoking,  
10 the age which they stopped smoking, if they had  
11 stopped smoking, the type of smoking material they  
12 used.

13 And we calculated, from comparison of the  
14 lung cancer patients and the control patients -- after  
15 having very rigidly defined a nonsmoker as somebody  
16 who had never smoked for as long as -- as much as one  
17 cigarette a day for as long as one year -- we found

18 that heavy smokers had about -- we estimated about 25  
19 times the risk of developing lung cancer as lifelong  
20 nonsmokers.

21 We then considered these findings the light  
22 of a lot of other information. We tried to think  
23 whether these findings could be due to bias in the way  
24 the data had been collected or the way patients had  
25 been selected for the controls. We came to the

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1 conclusion that bias couldn't explain it, particularly  
2 because we found that the results were quite different  
3 in patients who were proved to have lung cancer after  
4 discharge from the hospital. And patients who had  
5 been interviewed on the belief that they had had lung  
6 cancer but who turned out to have some other disease,  
7 they had the same smoking habits as our controls. We  
8 decided that bias couldn't explain the results.

9 We thought about confounding. Now, by  
10 "confounding" we mean a situation in which there is a  
11 common cause both of the disease that a person has and  
12 of the factor that's been associated with the disease;  
13 in this case, smoking. To give an example of what we  
14 mean by confounding, one finds that cigarette smokers,  
15 heavy cigarette smokers in particular, are more likely  
16 to be consumers of alcohol than nonsmokers. So that  
17 when you find a relationship between cigarette smoking  
18 and cirrhosis of the liver, this turns out -- can well  
19 be explained by the fact that alcohol causes cirrhosis  
20 of the liver and cigarette smoking appears to be  
21 associated -- is associated with it just because  
22 cigarette smoking is associated with heavy consumption  
23 of alcohol.

24 So we had to try and think if there were any  
25 common factors that could have caused both the patient

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1 to smoke and the development of the disease, and we  
2 thought of all of the things at the time that seemed  
3 at all plausible, the socioeconomic status of the  
4 patient, the area where they lived.

5 At that time we were interested in proximity  
6 to gasworks, which we thought might produce  
7 carcinogenic substances, but none of the things that  
8 we could think of that could account for confounding  
9 -- could result in confounding and actually explain  
10 the results. And we concluded, therefore, that -- we  
11 then had to consider whether it would make sense that  
12 the cigarette smoking was a cause of the disease.

13 We looked around at all of the other  
14 evidence available in the world. We said, Well, if  
15 cigarette smoking is a cause of the disease, it should  
16 be more common in men than in woman, because more men  
17 smoke more than woman, and of course it was. And then  
18 we thought, Well, how does this apply to other  
19 countries? Can we think of any countries where  
20 cigarette smoking is uncommon? And let's see if lung  
21 cancer occurs there at all commonly.

22 We found there were countries where  
23 cigarette smoking was uncommon, Iceland in particular,  
24 Norway to a considerable extent, and we found that  
25 lung cancer was much less common, indeed, extremely

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1 rare -- rare in Iceland.

2           So having decided that we couldn't explain  
3 the results by bias or by confounding, and having  
4 found that the idea that cigarette smoking was a cause  
5 made biological sense, we -- made biological sense not  
6 only from the sort of data we had, namely if the  
7 greater risk was earlier age of starting, the reduced  
8 risk was age of stopping and that sort of thing, but  
9 also made sense with ecological data about the  
10 distribution of lung cancer and cigarette smoking by  
11 sex and throughout the world, we concluded that  
12 smoking was a cause of the disease, or was a principal  
13 cause of it, and we said so in that paper.

14           I think -- to my mind, that is the thing  
15 with, looking back, I am most pleased with, that we  
16 did have the confidence to decide that on the basis of  
17 the data that we'd been able to collect and knowledge  
18 that was available worldwide, we were able to conclude  
19 that smoking was an important factor in the production  
20 of carcinoma of the lung.

21           Q     Did you reach a conclusion that there was a  
22 causal relationship between cigarette smoking -- heavy  
23 cigarette smoking and lung cancer?

24           A     No. We reached a conclusion that there was  
25 a relation between cigarette smoking and lung cancer,

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1 and it didn't seem to be -- require heavy cigarette  
2 smoking. It was proportional -- the risk was  
3 proportional to the amount smoked down to quite small  
4 amounts.

5           Q     Did the risk increase with increasing the  
6 numbers of cigarettes smoked, Sir Richard?

7           A     Yes, it did. And this, of course, was one  
8 of the bits biological evidence. When I said it made  
9 biological sense, we found that the risk increased  
10 with the amount smoked.

11           Q     Can you confirm for the jury and the Court  
12 whether this is a xeroxed copy of the original article  
13 published in 1950 on cigarette smoking and lung  
14 cancer?

15           A     Yes, it is.

16           Q     Smoking and carcinoma of the lung by Richard  
17 Doll and Bradford Hill. Would you just take a moment,  
18 sir, and tell the jury and the Court who Bradford Hill  
19 was?

20           A     Bradford Hill was the professor of medical  
21 statistics at the London School of Hygiene and  
22 Tropical Medicine, and had been so for some five  
23 years, I think, when I went to work with him. But he  
24 has been, I think, fairly widely accepted as probably  
25 the most important medical statistician of the first

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1 50 years in the English-speaking world, not because of  
2 any brilliant discoveries in theoretical statistics,  
3 but because of his ability to explain simple  
4 statistics to a medical profession, which was  
5 essentially enumerate and quite unaccustomed to using  
6 statistical calculations in his work. And he had a  
7 great capacity for explaining the simple things about  
8 statistics.

9 He also introduced the concept of randomized  
10 control trial, which is now universally considered the  
11 essential tool for discovering the way -- the usage of  
12 new drugs and new medical treatments.

13 Q Dr. Doll, I'm now going to show the jury and  
14 the Court a finding in your paper of 1950 from page  
15 747, and I'm going to read it to you. In your paper,  
16 you and Mr. Hill conclude that, Reasons are given for  
17 excluding all these possibilities, and it is concluded  
18 that smoking is an important factor in the cause of  
19 carcinoma of the lung. Do you recall making that  
20 finding, sir?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Doctor, how long have you studied -- how  
23 long have you been involved in the studying of the  
24 effects of cigarette smoking on human health?

25 A How long had I been --  
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1 Q How long had you -- is this the only paper  
2 you wrote on cigarette smoking and disease, or have  
3 you studied it throughout your career?

4 A Since then, I frankly got rather bored with  
5 the subject, but I haven't been able to get away with  
6 it, and I have been writing papers on it for the last  
7 50 years. The last one I wrote was in 1994 with my  
8 younger colleague Professor Peto.

9 Q Dr. Doll, when did you next undertake a  
10 study of cigarette smoking and its effect on human  
11 health?

12 A Well, we went straight on from 1950 to start  
13 -- well, to do two things. Firstly, we wanted to show  
14 that the findings that we had obtained for patients in  
15 London were, in fact, characteristic of the whole  
16 country, and so we extended our case control study to  
17 include patients in four others towns and to double  
18 the number of patients we had altogether in our  
19 studies. And we published this in 195- -- the results  
20 in 1952. They were essentially the same on -- now on  
21 about 1500 patients with lung cancer and a similar  
22 number of controls.

23 But because we had found a lot of people  
24 were skeptical of our conclusion that smoking was a  
25 cause of lung cancer, we thought we ought to try and

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1 investigate it by some other means. Bradford Hill  
2 thought, and I agreed with him, that any responsible  
3 scientist, if they make what seems to them a discovery  
4 that is of some potential importance, you should then  
5 try to disprove your conclusion if you possibly can,  
6 just to check that it's right.

7 We thought that the British medical  
8 profession might be a good group of people to study  
9 for three reasons. We thought that they might perhaps  
10 give out -- be more interested in answering questions  
11 than other people. Secondly, we hoped that as trained  
12 scientist, they would be more accurate in their  
13 reports. But most importantly, we thought they'd be  
14 easy to keep an eye on, because for legal reasons,  
15 their names have to be kept on registers.

16 And within two-and-a-half years, we found  
17 that our prediction, in fact, was correct, that even

18 with only 36 deaths from lung cancer, the relationship  
19 between these were nearly -- mostly occurred in heavy  
20 smokers. And the relationship between smoking and the  
21 risk of lung cancer in this so-called prospective  
22 study -- we now call it cohort study -- in which you  
23 follow forward people whose exposures you already  
24 know, they gave almost identical results with those  
25 that we had obtained in our case control study, and we  
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1 published those results in 1954.

2 Q How many doctors were enrolled in your study  
3 and followed over time?

4 A 40,000. There were 34,000 male doctors and  
5 6,000 female doctors.

6 Q Dr. Doll, who was the first scientific  
7 investigator in the world to prove that cigarette  
8 smoking caused lung cancer?

9 A Well, Bradford and I were the first people  
10 to say that we thought we had proved it, so rather --  
11 the first people in the English literature.

12 Q Dr. Doll, did you continue your study of  
13 British physicians in the mid 1950s? You've told us  
14 you published the original article in 1954. Did you  
15 subsequently, in the 1950s, publish additional  
16 information about the British physicians that you were  
17 following?

18 A Yes. We published in 1954 because we  
19 thought we should publish it as soon as we had  
20 sufficient evidence to confirm the validity of our  
21 case control study, but the numbers were small and, of  
22 course, we were not able to look at many other  
23 diseases.

24 But in 1956 the numbers were really quite  
25 substantial. We had over 80 lung cancer deaths, and

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1 we published it again. And we then looked at other  
2 diseases, and we were struck by a relationship between  
3 smoking and chronic thrombosis or myocardial  
4 infarction.

5 Q Heart --

6 A Heart attacks.

7 Q Yes.

8 A And we suggested that smoking might be a  
9 contributory factor in the production of that disease  
10 as well.

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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(The following proceedings were reported by  
Deborah Pacetti:)

Q Dr. Doll, while you were publishing your  
studies in the early mid 1950s in Great Britain, were  
any American scientists publishing similar findings?

A Yes. The American Cancer Society carried  
our a very similar study to our study of doctors but  
with numbers but. It was 200,000 Americans. This was  
done by Dr. Hammond and Dr. Horn. Simon Hammond, who  
worked for the American Cancer Society became a close  
friend of mine and he told me at a meeting that we  
both attended in 1952 that he was carrying out the  
study but he was convinced that smoking was not a  
cause of lung cancer but he wanted to prove that what  
it wasn't. Of course, by 1954 they had results that  
were almost identical with ours and he published -- he  
and Horn published a paper in which they concluded  
that smoking was not only a cause of cancer of the  
lung, but was also a cause of chronic thrombosis.

Q Have you studied over time the effect of  
people -- on people's health if they do stop smoking  
and remain stopped?

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A Yes, indeed we have. That has been one of  
the most central points in some of our later papers  
because it was obviously important to know whether  
there was any benefit from stopping smoking. And in a  
1976 paper we paid -- after following doctors for 20  
years, we paid a lot of attention to that, and even  
more attention in our 1994 paper, but, of course, we  
say we've been following doctors for 40 years, we  
didn't just have their smoking habits in 1951 when  
they -- when they first completed our questionnaire,  
we had written back to them every five to ten years  
and in between -- I think there was a gap of 12 years  
on one occasion -- and we had information about their  
changes in smoking habits.

Of course, we found the effect on giving up  
was different for different diseases. For lung  
cancer, the risk was never returned to normal, what  
happened was stopping smoking was that the risks  
stopped getting any greater, so that within ten years,  
the risk was less than half what it would have been if  
people had continued smoke; whereas, with chronic  
thrombosis or myocardial infarction, there was a much  
quicker effect, and the effect returned almost to that  
of a life-long non-smoker which the -- with lung  
cancer was never quite the case.

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Chronic bronchitis and emphysema on the  
other hand, although stopping smoking prevented it  
from getting any worse, but the damage had been done,  
and it was quite impossible to undue that damage, and  
a lot of peoples with that disease still died of the  
disease even the if they gave up smoking.

Q From 1950 to 1990, sir, would you say you've  
followed the world literature on cigarette smoking and  
lung cancer?

A Yes.



11 Q Did you follow it closely?  
12 A Yes.  
13 Q Dr. Doll, can you tell me, sir, whether you  
14 have encountered an epidemiological study from 1950 to  
15 1990 in which it was concluded that cigarette smoking  
16 was not a risk factor or cause of lung cancer in  
17 smokers?  
18 A No, I haven't.  
19 Q Dr. Doll, can you give the court and jury  
20 your professional opinion based on your own research  
21 and your studying of the research of other scientists  
22 as to when the medical and scientific community  
23 reached a consensus that cigarette smoking was a cause  
24 of lung cancer in smokers?  
25 A In England, it was accepted by all serious  
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1 scientists, to my knowledge, that cigarette smoking  
2 was a cause of lung cancer in about 1957, following a  
3 statement published in the British Medical Journal by  
4 the Medical Research Council which had been made as  
5 the result of a request of government to advise them  
6 on whether smoking was a cause of lung cancer, and in  
7 this article in the British Medical Journal the  
8 Medical Research Council said it should be concluded  
9 that smoking had been responsible for the greater part  
10 of the increase in the mortality from lung cancer.  
11 I don't recall the question being seriously  
12 -- the conclusion being seriously questioned after  
13 that by people that I met in epidemiology or in cancer  
14 research.  
15 Q Dr. Doll, would you give the court and the  
16 jury your opinion as to what percentage of lung  
17 cancers that occur in human beings are caused by  
18 cigarette smoking?  
19 A Well, this varies, of course, from year to  
20 year depending upon the amount of -- the amount of  
21 lung cancer that's occurring. At the height of the  
22 epidemic in England, and we're now well past the  
23 height of the epidemic, I'm glad to say the disease is  
24 becoming less common every year, but at the height of  
25 the epidemic in men, I estimated at 95 percent of lung  
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1 cancers were caused by smoking in the sense that had  
2 the individuals not smoked, 95 percent of those  
3 cancers would not have occurred.  
4 The proportion in women has been smaller and  
5 is still going up because women didn't start smoking  
6 early in life and continue smoking for a long time,  
7 for many years after men did that, and the proportion  
8 in women has not gone above 90 percent.  
9 Q Doctor, have you reached an opinion based  
10 upon reasonable medical probability or certainty as to  
11 what diseases in addition to lung cancer are caused by  
12 cigarette smoking?  
13 A Yes.  
14 Q Could you tell them to us, please, sir?  
15 A Something to the order of some 30 diseases  
16 are reasonable to the -- to the extent of reasonable  
17 medical proof are caused by cigarette smoking. It's a  
18 little artificial to distinguish some of these  
19 diseases because a lot of them have the common  
20 background of vascular thrombosis, that's to say  
21 clotting in the arteries, but we -- they're given

22 different medical titles so we call them different  
23 medical diseases. I'm thinking for example of chronic  
24 thrombosis and cerebral thrombosis, two forms of  
25 thrombosis, but they're different diseases, they

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1 between different clinically, and they are both in  
2 part caused by cigarette smoking.

3         There are about ten types of cancer that are  
4 caused by cigarette smoking. Eight of these have been  
5 accepted as caused by cigarette smoking by the  
6 International Agency for Research on Cancer at a  
7 meeting in 1986, since then there has been added  
8 information on some of the rarer types of cancer which  
9 allows me to conclude that several other types of  
10 cancer are also caused by smoking.

11         But so many are caused by smoking, it's not  
12 surprising because cigarette smoke contains so many  
13 different carcinogens, at least 50 are recognized as  
14 causing cancer in animals and several of them are  
15 known to cause cancer in humans. For example, there's  
16 a chemical called tulathylamene [phonetic] which in  
17 the chemical industry is proved to be a very powerful  
18 cause of bladder cancer in humans. This is present in  
19 cigarette smoke and it's perhaps therefore not  
20 surprising that smoking causes quite substantial  
21 increase in the risk of cancer of the bladder.

22         Similarly, there are smaller amounts of  
23 benzene in cigarette smoke, and it's not surprising  
24 that there is a very small increase of myeloid  
25 leukemia in cigarette smokers. But the common

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1 cancers, which are -- a large proportion of which are  
2 caused by smoking in the sense that in the absence of  
3 smoking, they would not have occurred, are cancer of  
4 the mouth, cancer of the pharynx, the larynx, the  
5 esophagus. Those are the ones very closely related.  
6 Then there is cancer of the bladder and cancer of the  
7 pancreas, which have a substantial proportion, over 50  
8 percent in Britain have been caused by smoking. And  
9 then there are other cancers which smoking contributes  
10 to only a very small part, such as cancer of the  
11 stomach, myeloid leukemia, cancer of the nose, and  
12 that's a very rare cancer so it's taken a long time to  
13 collect data on that.

14         There are a lot of vascular diseases,  
15 diseases of the blood vessels. The best well-known is  
16 myocardial infarction. We tend nowadays to talk about  
17 ischemic heart disease. That a whole category of  
18 disease in which -- of the heart in which it's damaged  
19 by clotting of the arteries that feeds the muscles of  
20 the heart. Myocardial infarction, cerebral  
21 thrombosis, but a much a much higher -- much higher  
22 proportion of the conditions are caused by smoking for  
23 some rarer types of vascular disease. Particularly an  
24 aortic aneurysm, that's about 5 or 6 times as common  
25 in cigarette smokers as to non-smokers, an anoxic

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1 condition of the big blood vessels that carries the  
2 blood from the heart down to the -- down to the lower  
3 limbs, and when the vessel gets weekend, it bulges and  
4 eventually bursts, that what we call a ruptured aortic  
5 aneurysm. That's quite an important cause of death  
6 now. That is very closely related to smoking.

7           Then there's peripheral vascular disease,  
8 types of vascular disease of the arteries leading to  
9 the limbs which may lead particularly to gangrene of  
10 the toes. Gangrene closure of blood supply to the  
11 extremities might eventually lead to loss of the limb.

12           There's an extreme form for that disease  
13 called Buerger's disease which was discovered by a  
14 German in 1908 and described by him then as being  
15 caused by smoking. In fact, there is quite convincing  
16 evidence in retrospect in 1930 produced by an American  
17 called Silbutt [phonetic], that Buerger's disease,  
18 which is rare disease, is nearly always caused by  
19 smoking. Very, very high percentage, well over 90  
20 percent, if not 95 percent of cases.

21           Then there are respiratory diseases, the  
22 most important being what we call chronic bronchitis  
23 and what is commonly called chronic bronchitis and  
24 emphysema, or technically now we give it another name,  
25 we call it chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or

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1 in England, chronic obstructive lung disease. This is  
2 a very unpleasant disease in which the respiratory  
3 efficiency of the lungs gradually diminishes until a  
4 person is unable to even walk across this room without  
5 him being short of breath.

6           It's a disease which is some 20 times -- the  
7 deaths from this disease is some 20 times as high in  
8 cigarette smokers as in life-long non-smokers. Again,  
9 as with many of the diseases to which cigarette  
10 smoking contributes as a cause, it is caused by other  
11 things which interact with cigarette smoking, but  
12 everywhere it's found that this disease in absence of  
13 cigarette smoking is really quite rare.

14           There are a number of other diseases, I  
15 think I might have to refresh my memory by looking at  
16 the lists, but . . .

17       Q     May I hand you this? What is the next  
18 number, ma'am?

19       A     We should have had hypertension and arterial  
20 disease, arteriosclerosis in general. Then there's  
21 pulmonary tuberculosis itself. Of course, smoking  
22 doesn't cause pulmonary tuberculosis, but there have  
23 been umpteen papers written saying that it does occur  
24 more commonly know than in non-smokers, but what  
25 smoking does is it makes it much more fatal.

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1           Nowadays fortunately with the treatments we  
2 have you don't see in very often, but before we had  
3 the effective treatments for pulmonary tuberculosis.  
4 Smoking increases the mortality of that. Asthma is a  
5 disease which is made worse by smoking, so much that  
6 most asthmatics give up smoking.

7           Peptic ulcer, gastric duodenal ulcer, and  
8 it's diseases which I have personally worked on  
9 intensively. Then there are some rare diseases like  
10 Crohn's disease of the small -- of the large bowel --  
11 I'm sorry, of the small bowel, but it's principally  
12 the small valve. There are some very rare diseases,  
13 like one type of blindness called tobacco amblyopia,  
14 and it's recently been shown that quite a confluence  
15 of blindness in old age, macular degeneration in old  
16 age is probably caused by smoking in the sense that it  
17 is several times more common in continuing cigarette

18 smokers than in non-smokers.

19 I think I have mentioned most of the  
20 diseases in which -- and I recognize to be caused by  
21 smoking, but there are a few more.

22 Q Dr. Doll, I have been asking you some  
23 questions and one of my colleagues pointed out I  
24 failed to get to you give the jury and the court your  
25 definition of epidemiology. Since a lot of the work

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1 you have done is in the form of epidemiological  
2 studies, would you kindly explain to the jury just  
3 generally what epidemiology is?

4 A Yes. Epidemiology is the study of the  
5 distribution of disease in human populations relating  
6 the frequency with which the occurs to the  
7 characteristics of the groups of populations in whom  
8 the disease occurs with a view to finding out what are  
9 the causes of disease. It's also been extended to  
10 cover the treatment of disease with different forms of  
11 treatment, but basically it's a study of the variation  
12 and the distribution of disease in different groups of  
13 people to find out what are the characteristics that  
14 contribute to the development of the disease they get.

15 Q Doctor, could you give us your opinion as  
16 to what percentage of long-term heavy cigarette  
17 smokers, let's say smoke for 30 years a pack and a  
18 half a day, what percentage of such people will  
19 develop, in your opinion, a cigarette-caused disease  
20 of any kind?

21 A Oh, well over 50 percent, 70 or 80 percent.  
22 50 percent of continuing cigarette smokers in studies  
23 that I have carried out have actually died of a  
24 disease from which cigarette smoking has been the  
25 principal cause of.

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1 Q Doctor, would you define for the court and  
2 jury what you mean as a scientist when you use the  
3 word "synergistic"?

4 A Yes. I mean by that two things are acting  
5 increase the effect of each other. Now, we have very  
6 a good example in asbestos and cigarette smoking in  
7 the cause of lung cancer. A non-smoker heavily  
8 exposed to asbestos only has about five times the risk  
9 of developing lung cancer that a non-smoker is not  
10 heavily exposed to asbestos has.

11 The cigarette smoker, that average cigarette  
12 smoker not exposed -- not heavily exposed to asbestos  
13 will have 20 times the risk of developing lung cancer  
14 than a non-smoker has. Now, what happens when a  
15 cigarette smokers is also heavily exposed to asbestos?  
16 You don't get a risk which is the sum of the two  
17 risks, you don't have 20 plus 5 causing a 25 fold  
18 increased risk, you have a 20 times 5 fold increased  
19 risk. You have nearly 100 fold increased risk in the  
20 heavy -- in the average cigarette smoker heavily  
21 composed to asbestos.

22 Asbestos and smoking are acting  
23 synergistically to increased each other's effect if  
24 they had been experienced just by themselves.

25 Q Doctor, is there a synergistic relation, in

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1 your opinion, between cigarette smoking and a human  
2 being's diet?

3 A Yes, I think there is. It's well-proven in  
4 the example I've given you that I think most  
5 scientists who studied it would agree that there was.  
6 Q Same question the cigarette smoking an air  
7 pollution?  
8 A That is -- the evidence is weaker, but most  
9 again scientists that have been especially interested  
10 in this agrees that the two do act synergistically.  
11 Q Is it -- in your opinion as a scientist, a  
12 fair comparison to compare bowls of cherries, cooked  
13 carrots or charcoaled steaks with the diseases that  
14 you have described are caused by cigarette smoking?  
15 A Well, as causal factors they are trivial or  
16 nonexistent to comparison of cigarette smoking.  
17 Q Trivial or what?  
18 A Nonexistent.  
19 Q Thank you, sir. Dr. Doll, has science  
20 identified known carcinogens, that is things that  
21 cause cancer in cigarette smoke?  
22 A I missed the first part of the question.  
23 Q Has science --  
24 A Has science.  
25 Q -- science identified known cancer causing

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1 substances in cigarette smoke?  
2 A Science has identified some 50 known  
3 chemicals that are carcinogenic to animals in animal  
4 experiments.  
5 Q Doctor, let me ask you this question, sir:  
6 If you would assume for me that an individual has  
7 smoked one and a half packs of filtered cigarettes for  
8 30 years and contracts lung cancer, can you tell the  
9 court and jury based upon reasonable scientific  
10 probability whether or not the cigarette smoking that  
11 I have described is a cause, a substantial  
12 contributing factor cause in the lung cancer of this  
13 individual?  
14 A Beyond all reasonable doubt it is -- it  
15 would have been -- it would be a substantial  
16 contributing cause.  
17 Q Dr. Doll, if -- were you ever asked from  
18 1950 up until this very day by any tobacco company in  
19 the United States or Britain to design a policy to  
20 advise people who smoke cigarettes of the dangers,  
21 have you been so consulted?  
22 A No.  
23 Q I would ask you hypothetically, sir, had you  
24 been consulted in 1955 to advise cigarette companies  
25 in the United States and in Great Britain to design a

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1 policy of information to impart to consumers of  
2 cigarettes, what would you have told them, sir?  
3 A I would have told them that the smoking of  
4 cigarettes was a sub- -- would actually have a  
5 substantial -- would produce a substantial risk of  
6 developing lung cancer and quite probably several  
7 other important diseases, and that the public should  
8 know that.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. GROSSMAN:

11 Q You have never undertaken an independent  
12 study of the internal corporate documents of any  
13 American tobacco company; isn't that correct?

14 A That is correct.  
15 Q You have never worked in a private company  
16 at all; is that correct?  
17 A That is correct.  
18 Q You're not an expert in corporate ethics; is  
19 that correct?  
20 A That is correct.  
21 Q You -- you have said that you were not an  
22 expert in the review of internal corporate documents;  
23 isn't that correct?  
24 A That is correct.  
25 Q You have never reviewed the files of any  
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1 American tobacco company; is that correct?  
2 A By reviewed you mean examined?  
3 Q Yes.  
4 A No, I haven't.  
5 Q Now, in order to determine what chemicals  
6 might be responsible for disease, the first thing  
7 that's necessary or has been necessary is to determine  
8 what chemicals are in cigarette smoke; is that  
9 correct?  
10 A That's been very desirable to determine  
11 that.  
12 Q It's the obvious logical first place to  
13 again; isn't that correct?  
14 A Yes.  
15 Q Now, in the 1950s, how many chemicals in  
16 cigarette smoke were known in the early 1950s?  
17 A In the early 1950 very few.  
18 Q Today there are about 4,000 chemicals known;  
19 is that correct?  
20 A I believe.  
21 Q That's a tremendous contribution to the  
22 literature, isn't it?  
23 A It's been an important use for contribution.  
24 Q Do you know who made that contribution?  
25 A Yes, I think I was told yesterday that the  
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1 Tobacco Research Council in the United State -- no the  
2 research workers employed by the tobacco industry in  
3 both the United States have made that contribution.  
4 Q Have made that contribution to the  
5 literature. And it was they who undertook the  
6 research to find out the chemical components of  
7 cigarette smoke?  
8 A Not only them, of course there is Dr.  
9 Hofmann who worked for Wynder and his group who have  
10 made major contributions to the content of cigarette  
11 smoke. So it would be quite wrong to apply that it  
12 was only the tobacco companies that had made these  
13 contributions.  
14 Q But certainly to the extent that the  
15 American tobacco companies have expanded the  
16 scientific knowledge by isolating and determining the  
17 chemical compositions, you would applaud that work,  
18 isn't that right?  
19 A They have contributed to knowledge and I  
20 applaud that contribution.  
21 Q Okay. Doctor, your testimony earlier -- I  
22 don't want to go back over it again -- was that given  
23 the large number of chemicals in cigarette smoke, the  
24 initiators, promoters and inhibitors, no one knows the

25 precise chemicals that account for the observed

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1 increase in lung cancer in humans; isn't that correct?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q Now, Doctor, in light of that, one way of  
4 reducing the potential risk of cigarettes was to  
5 reduce all of the chemicals, isn't that right?

6 A All of the chemicals that was all likely to  
7 cause cancer, yes.

8 Q All of the tar?

9 A And, of course, the promoters as well as the  
10 initiators to reduce the tar, yes.

11 Q And, in fact, over the last several decades  
12 there has been a tremendous reduction in tar in the  
13 cigarettes smoked in the United States; isn't that  
14 correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q In early 1950s, the average cigarette in the  
17 United States had been 45 milligrams of tar; isn't  
18 that right?

19 A I think I said yes to that, I wasn't sure.  
20 I knew what it was in England.

21 Q But you know it was about that; isn't that  
22 correct?

23 A It was certainly well over 30, 35.

24 Q That was true both of filtered and  
25 unfiltered cigarettes; isn't that correct?

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1 A If it was true with filtered cigarettes,  
2 then at that time perhaps the filters weren't  
3 effective.

4 Q In the very beginning?

5 A In fact, they weren't as effective as the  
6 tobacco itself.

7 Q But today the tar has been reduced manifold,  
8 several fold; is that correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q It is several times lower in content in the  
11 smoke than it was in the early 19 --

12 A Well, about a third, yes.

13 Q At the World College of Physicians, people  
14 from a tobacco company were there and you implore them  
15 to try to make low tar cigarettes, isn't that correct?

16 A I didn't employ --

17 Q Implore.

18 A No, I don't implore people doing. I advise  
19 them if they wanted to reduce the risk of lung cancer,  
20 it would be a good thing to do.

21 Q You have written and testified extensively  
22 in the past that lower tar cigarettes reduce the  
23 incidence of lung cancer in humans?

24 A I believe they do, yes.

25 Q Now, Doctor, you believe that the case is

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1 made, that is that it has been proven that lower tar  
2 cigarettes reduce the risk of lung cancer; isn't that  
3 correct?

4 A I think it's been proven beyond reasonable  
5 doubt that lower tar cigarettes do reduce the risk of  
6 lung cancer to some extent.

7 Q Now, starting in at least 1977 you suggested  
8 that cigarettes might be made less risky if in  
9 addition to reducing the tar, one in enhanced the

10 nicotine; is that true?  
11 A Yes, I did.  
12 Q And you continued to take that position over  
13 a period of many years; was that correct?  
14 A Yes.  
15 Q And it would be responsive and appropriate  
16 for tobacco companies, hearing your statements and  
17 those of the surgeon general to undertake research to  
18 make lower tar to nicotine content ratio cigarettes;  
19 is that correct?  
20 A Yes, sir.  
21 Q Your idea was actually to spike low tar  
22 cigarettes with nicotine; is that correct?  
23 A I don't know that I've ever used the word  
24 "spike," but I think I -- what I was suggesting was  
25 that if you could reduce the tar without reducing the

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1 nicotine, and I think I may have actually said some --  
2 add some nicotine, but I don't particularly like the  
3 word "spike".  
4 Q Maybe it was not the word "spike." Your  
5 idea was to add nicotine to the low tar cigarette?  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q And to the extent that American cigarette  
8 manufacturers experimented with that, you don't  
9 criticize the work, but applaud it; isn't that  
10 correct?  
11 A I don't applaud, I think it's a sensible  
12 thing to try to do.  
13 Q Now, Doctor, you believe that there is no  
14 harm in tobacco companies funding biomedical research  
15 providing scientists retained total control over the  
16 use of the funds and the rights to publish the  
17 research; isn't that correct?  
18 A That's correct.  
19 Q It's fair to say that when you started work  
20 in this field, most scientists were not convinced by  
21 your work that smoking was a cause of lung cancer or  
22 any others disease; isn't that correct?  
23 A In 1950 for the first year or tow, that  
24 would be correct to say.  
25 Q In fact, around 1950 most scientists were

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1 used to looking at the idea of cause and effect from  
2 the perspective of Koch's postulates; is that right?  
3 A That was what they had been taught in  
4 medical school, they stuck to that.  
5 Q And Koch's postulates, which were taught in  
6 medical school as the grounding for determining cause  
7 and effect, positive that cause and effect could not  
8 be established unless an exposure where the necessary  
9 and sufficient cause of a disease; is that correct?  
10 A Don't think it was always sufficient, but it  
11 certainly was necessary. I'm thinking for bacteria  
12 infections, for example, many people would be affected  
13 with a diphtheria bacillus but would not have  
14 diphtheria, but you couldn't have the disease  
15 diphtheria without being infected with diphtheria  
16 bacillus. So it was necessary but it wasn't  
17 sufficient.  
18 Q Now, under Koch's -- getting back to the  
19 question of necessary and sufficient. It is correct,  
20 is it not, that cigarettes are neither a necessary nor



21 sufficient cause of lung cancer?  
22 A That is true.  
23 Q And it is correct, is it not, that  
24 cigarettes are neither necessary nor sufficient cause  
25 of emphysema or chronic bronchitis?

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1 A That is true.  
2 Q Now, one other thing that was concentrated  
3 on by many scientists that period was what is referred  
4 to as mechanism; is that correct?  
5 A And indeed still is.  
6 Q Indeed still is. And it is fair to say,  
7 isn't it, that the mechanism for cancer of any type  
8 has not been fully described?  
9 A Not fully described, but, of course, we  
10 understand a lot about the mechanism by which cancer  
11 the produced now.  
12 Q There have been developments in the  
13 understanding of mechanism over the past few decades?  
14 A There have indeed.  
15 Q And research into mechanism has been, you  
16 have viewed, very important?  
17 A Yes.  
18 Q Now --  
19 A Not as important as the research into the  
20 epidemiology of the disease, but that's a matter -- I  
21 think people would differ over that.  
22 Q Reasonable people would differ on that?  
23 A I think there would be reasonable difference  
24 of opinions over that.  
25 Q But even today, the mechanism of lung cancer

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1 has not been fully described?  
2 A Not fully, but you we know a great deal  
3 about it.  
4 Q In your first study, in the case control  
5 study, and perhaps we can define the terms here.  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q A case control study is taken  
8 retrospectively; is that right?  
9 A Retrospectively in the sense that you are  
10 obtaining information about the individual's exposure  
11 after his disease is developed.  
12 Q Now, your British physician's study was not  
13 randomly drawn; is that correct?  
14 A No.  
15 Q That is correct?  
16 A It was not a random population.  
17 Q It was not representative of the British  
18 population as a whole?  
19 A No.  
20 Q Correct?  
21 A Correct.  
22 Q Now, the American Cancer Society's call  
23 CPS-1 and CPS-2 similarly are not randomly drawn; is  
24 that correct?  
25 A That is correct.

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1 Q They were composed of members of the  
2 American Cancer Society and their friends and family;  
3 is that?  
4 A Right. The only randomly drawn I know of is  
5 the Swedish one.

6 Q Again, you found that overall people who  
7 shade they inhaled had a lower rate of lung cancer  
8 than people who said they did not?  
9 A Yes, that continued to be true.  
10 Q And you published that it was your view that  
11 overall deep inhaling of cigarette smoke was  
12 protective of lung cancer; is that correct?  
13 A That was what our data showed, and which  
14 made search in light of the respiratory physiological  
15 information that we had from specialists in  
16 respiratory physiology.  
17 Q Now, Doctor, there are a number of -- it's  
18 very important in attempting to interpret the results  
19 of a survey to ensure that the apparent association is  
20 not explained by confounding; is that correct?  
21 A That is right, yes.  
22 Q Now, one must also religiously try to avoid  
23 bias; is that correct?  
24 A Not religiously because that might be  
25 emotional. One must make strict -- know every effort  
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1 one can to avoid bias.  
2 Q Bias, there may be several forms of bias?  
3 A There may.  
4 Q One kind of bias has been referred to as the  
5 wish bias?  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q What is the wish bias?  
8 A The wish bias is the wish on the part of the  
9 patient to attribute his condition to something --  
10 take something to which he has been exposed, usually  
11 something that somebody else has exposed him to, that  
12 would be an example of the wish bias.  
13 Q Another type of bias is called observer  
14 bias.  
15 A Yes, indeed.  
16 Q What is that?  
17 A Observer bias is bias in the recording of  
18 the information provided by the subjects of your  
19 study, because the observers, sometimes conscious or  
20 often unconscious desire to obtain a particular  
21 result. And so for example in relation to cigarette  
22 smoking, the observer, if they thought that cigarette  
23 smoking was a cause of the disease they were  
24 investigating, they might press a non-smoker much  
25 heard saying, "Are you quite sure you've never smoked  
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1 as much as that, whereas if a control said they were a  
2 non-smoker, they might write that down straight and  
3 not go any further.  
4 Q Now, you said earlier that give you artifact  
5 as a form of bias?  
6 A Yes, yes.  
7 Q Could you explain what artifact is?  
8 A Well, you may have artifact in, for example,  
9 the increase of lung cancer in all developed countries  
10 occurred during the early decades of this century at  
11 the time when the methods of diagnosis were greatly  
12 improving. So you could -- it was thought for a long  
13 time that the increase in lung cancer was an artifact  
14 of improved methods of diagnosis, correct diagnosis  
15 instead of previously having misclassified lung  
16 cancer, for example, as tuberculosis which had been a

17 common condition.

18 Q And you yourself believe that in the period  
19 -- in the first half of this century, much of the  
20 observed increase in diagnosis of lung cancer was  
21 artifact; is that correct?

22 A Much the increase in the attributable deaths  
23 and attributing deaths to lung cancer was an artifact  
24 due to better diagnosis and greater appreciation of  
25 the condition of lung cancer.

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1 Q And that's because the methods of diagnosing  
2 lung cancer only developed the first half of the  
3 century to a large extent?

4 A That's right, yes.

5 Q Those were x-rays and --

6 A Pretty a bronchoscope down.

7 Q Bronchoscope, chest surgery --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- like all the rest?

10 A Yes. Very for treatment of pneumonia, which  
11 by treating a pneumonia would allow an early cancer  
12 that had actually knocked the tube and caused the  
13 pneumonia to develop, whereas without the treatments  
14 that we now have, the man would have died of pneumonia  
15 and never had his lung cancer recognized.

16 Q You are familiar with numerous studies on  
17 autopsy surprise?

18 A Yes, I have. Yes.

19 Q And they may be of many types, some serious  
20 and some minor; is that right?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q But studies conducted in the United States  
23 and England have shown with regularity that a  
24 substantial number of cancers have a misdiagnosed  
25 primary site determine only on autopsy; is that

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1 correct?

2 A A proportion, not a very high proportion.  
3 The Hammond and Horn study in 1958, I think -- now I  
4 forget the portion I'm trying to recite, something of  
5 cancer, I'm sorry. Yes, the primary site has been  
6 found to be wrong in a number of cases, yes.

7 Q Now, Doctor, another type of bias that it's  
8 important to root out is called selection bias; is  
9 that correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What is selection bias?

12 A Well, selection bias can be of all sorts.  
13 One is -- let's say in selecting your control group --  
14 let me make a criticism of a technique that is used  
15 very often now which people may have heard of called  
16 random digit dialing. You want to get a hold of a  
17 random section -- random sample of the population of a  
18 town so you just dial telephone numbers at random and  
19 then you try to interview the people that reply.  
20 Well, a lot of people won't respond to such inquiries,  
21 and there is serious doubt about the validity of using  
22 people that respond to telephone inquiries that have  
23 been initiated in this way as a control population.  
24 This is a form of selection bias.

25 Q I see, Doctor. You have said that there are

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1 in a sense two different types of selection bias, one

2 of which results spontaneously and the other which  
3 results because the researcher or others had an  
4 interest in the matter; is that correct?

5 A I'm not sure what you mean by spontaneous.  
6 I may have said it, but I . . .

7 Q Well, one kind of selection bias arises when  
8 -- for reasons that are not understood by the  
9 researchers, they select as a population a group that  
10 is unrepresentative of the whole?

11 A Well, if they do that, they should know they  
12 are doing it.

13 Q If I understand your testimony as you've  
14 given in the past, there are two kinds of selection  
15 bias. One that arises one might be viewed as the  
16 anterior motives of those who do the selection, and  
17 another which arises spontaneously?

18 A I was referring to a very unusual form of  
19 selection bias in that first lot. That was a -- as  
20 one meets sometimes the occupational studies when you  
21 are relying on information provided by some group of  
22 employers and they might -- well, this fortunately  
23 doesn't often happen, but you have to guard against  
24 the possibility that they suppress information about  
25 individuals with a particular disease, where you had

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1 that possibility -- we had to have that possibility in  
2 mind, for example, when we did a study to see what the  
3 health of the participants in the nuclear bomb test in  
4 the Pacific was. It was the Ministry of Defense  
5 providing us what all the information about all the  
6 patients or were they perhaps suppressing information  
7 about some who had developed diseases that might be  
8 attributing to that exposure. That would be a form of  
9 selection bias. But fortunately, that's uncommon.

10 Much the more dangerous -- much the usual  
11 form is just not getting a standard response -- it's  
12 not getting a response from a representative sample by  
13 some people not bothering to respond or consciously  
14 not responding.

15 Q Now, Doctor, you as a scientists would much  
16 prefer to have all of the data rather than data  
17 selected by someone who has an interest in the  
18 outcome?

19 A Yes, indeed.

20 Q That is one form of selection bias that you  
21 have said you must religiously avoid; is that correct?

22 A I certainly said one would strenuously try  
23 to avoid it.

24 Q And if one were to add up all the causes, as  
25 you use the term, of any multifactorial disease, any

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1 cancer or any heart disease, any other of the  
2 non-infectious diseases that you were referring to,  
3 the total causes could equal well over 100 percent?

4 A This is not a question of as I use the term,  
5 it's a question of as medical scientists use the term  
6 and general.

7 Q As the surgeon general uses the term?

8 A As the surgeon general uses the term.

9 Q And when the surgeon general says that in  
10 his estimation, 435,000 or so people die as a result  
11 of cigarette smoking, if one were to do the same  
12 analysis with regard to alcohol consumption and

13 dietary factors and the rest, it would add up to far  
14 more deaths than there are in the United States?  
15 A Yes, it would.  
16 Q All right. Now, let's turn for a moment to  
17 lung cancer. There are -- you have testified that the  
18 most important cause of lung cancer, in your opinion,  
19 is smoking?  
20 A Not in my opinion. I've testified that it  
21 is the most important factor.  
22 Q But in addition to smoking, there are a  
23 number of causes and factors that have been effected  
24 that have been mentioned in the literature?  
25 A Oh, I could mention -- I could mention and

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1 be confident about certainly half a dozen, if not  
2 more.  
3 Q Well, one is diet; is that correct?  
4 A That is controversial, but I personally  
5 believe that diet does play a part.  
6 Q In any event, Allabania and the others  
7 working with him found and published in the Journal of  
8 the National Cancer Institute that there was a strong  
9 statistical correlation between women's -- nonsmoking  
10 women's answers regarding the amount of saturated fat  
11 that they consumed and their rate of lung cancer,  
12 isn't that true?  
13 A They found that association. They found  
14 there was a fat association amongst many associations  
15 that they looked at.  
16 Q And they found that it was statistically  
17 significant?  
18 A Yes, indeed.  
19 Q And that at least raises an hypothesis that  
20 saturated fat intake can cause or be related to lung  
21 cancer?  
22 A It raises a hypothesis, it's not one that is  
23 very attractive on the basis of general knowledge, but  
24 it is one that's worth testing.  
25 Q Now, industrial exposures can also be a

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1 cause of lung cancer, can't they?  
2 A There are many occupational causes that have  
3 been shown to cause lung cancer.  
4 EXAMINATION  
5 BY MR. MUNSON:  
6 Q You agree, do you not, Doctor, the mechanism  
7 of cancer is not yet known?  
8 A I have to qualify that. Part of the  
9 mechanism is known, the complete mechanism is not yet  
10 known. We know a lot about the mechanism now.  
11 Q Let me show next our company copy of Exhibit  
12 5 from this deposition, which is your draft article  
13 entitled Uncovering the Effects of Smoking Historical  
14 Perspective.  
15 A Yes.  
16 Q And then there is a sentence after that that  
17 reads: "The conclusion that cigarette smoking was a  
18 major cause of disease had not been easy to reach as  
19 it had not been possible to prove causation by  
20 experiments in humans, nor to produce comparable  
21 disease experimentally in animals."  
22 A Yes.  
23 Q Did I read that correctly, sir?

24 A You did.  
25 Q You wrote those words in this draft -- 2847

1 A Yes.  
2 Q -- article of yours, correct?  
3 A Correct.  
4 Q Thank you, sir.  
5 A This, of course, was referring to the early  
6 1950s. This paper, Uncovering the Effects on Smoking?  
7 Q Yes, sir.  
8 A Uh-huh.  
9 Q On page one, there's a heading in the upper  
10 left-hand side that says Introduction.  
11 A Yes.  
12 Q And the first sentence under introduction  
13 introduction reads: "Tobacco grows naturally in  
14 Central America and the pleasant effects of burning  
15 the leaves and inhaling the smoke was discovered by  
16 the Mayans some 2,500 years ago," correct?  
17 A Yes.  
18 Q And then the next paragraph which begins  
19 about two-thirds the way down the page reads: "The  
20 smoking of tobacco for pleasure became a common habit  
21 for those who could afford it only in the last quarter  
22 of the 16th Century initially in Britain where it was  
23 popularized by Sir Walter Raleigh among others, and  
24 subsequently at the beginning of the 17th Century, in  
25 the Netherlands." 2848

1 A Yes.  
2 Q "Many, however, thought that smoking was a  
3 dirty habit and use of tobacco was virulently  
4 attacked. In Britain the opposition was led by King  
5 James the 6th of Scotland when he succeeded to the  
6 throne of the United Kingdom as James the 1st in 1603,  
7 and he published a pamphlet against it in Latin in the  
8 same year and in English under the title of a  
9 Counterblast to Tobacco, a year later. The pamphlet  
10 was read widely, dutifully praised, and generally  
11 ignored." Did I read that correctly?  
12 A Not quite, you put in an extra king, but  
13 otherwise it was correct.  
14 Q I apologize.  
15 A Not at all.  
16 Q Okay. But other than that, did I read it  
17 correctly?  
18 A Yes.  
19 Q Thank you.

20 EXAMINATION  
21 BY MR. MOTLEY:  
22 Q Dr. Doll, do you know whether or not by 1958  
23 benz(a)pyrene had been identified as an animal  
24 carcinogen?  
25 A I am certainly confident that it been. I 2849

1 worked very closely with Sir Ernest Kennaway and his  
2 group was one that identified it in tobacco smoke and  
3 he was looking for it specifically because of his  
4 knowledge of it being -- of it as an animal  
5 carcinogen.  
6 Q Doctor, do you believe that benz(a)pyrene,  
7 in fact, was able to be removed from cigarette smoking  
8 that that should have been done?

9 A If it were possible to do it, yes.  
10 Q Now, Doctor, you were asked questions on  
11 Friday about whether or not you would accept  
12 observations and comments from myself, a lawyer, or  
13 from Mr. Grossman, a lawyer, in regard to the  
14 historical review article that you were being  
15 questioned about; do you recall that?  
16 A Yes, I do.  
17 Q Doctor, would you accept from me or Mr.  
18 Grossman or anyone else a suggestion that you changed  
19 scientific findings of a study that you conducted?  
20 A No. I would accept suggestion that I should  
21 look into something, that I should check the validity  
22 tie of what I said, I would accept that suggestion  
23 from anyone, as I always want to improve my articles  
24 and I would never reject a suggestion without  
25 considering it. But whether I would -- whether I

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1 would act on it would depend entirely on my scientific  
2 judgment.

3 Q Well, sir, do you accept arguments from  
4 lawyers that you should change the scientific findings  
5 of a study because it was in the financial interest of  
6 the company that their attorney worked for --

7 MR. GROSSMAN: Objection to the form of the  
8 question.

9 Q Sir, would you accept instructions or advice  
10 from a lawyer representing a company with a financial  
11 interest in a product that you change or suppress a  
12 scientific finding that you had made?

13 A I certainly would not.

14 MR. GROSSMAN: Same objection.

15 MASTER RUTTER: Overruled.

16 Q You would what, sir?

17 A I certainly would not.

18 Q Doctor, you were asked questions about diet  
19 by the tobacco company's lawyer; saturated fat, diet,  
20 diesel fumes, coal tar, air pollution, cooking with a  
21 wok, family history and socioeconomic status; do you  
22 recall that?

23 A Yes, I do.

24 Q Do any of those circumstances alter your  
25 opinion on lung cancer caused by cigarette smoking?

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1 A Not the least.

2 Q Explain why.

3 A Some of the relations that were suggested to  
4 me that were correlated with those particular habits  
5 are unproven, and all of them that are demonstrated  
6 are very small and work in synergism with smoking, so  
7 they have no effect at all on the conclusion about the  
8 harmful affects of cigarette smoking.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. GROSSMAN:

11 Q So it's your view that the science article  
12 on benz(a)pyrene does not establish that the chief  
13 toxin in cigarette smoking, the principal cause that  
14 can be attributed to the increased risk of lung cancer  
15 or other diseases in the public is bynz(a)pyrene?

16 A Nobody ever suggested it was, let alone the  
17 authors of that article. They merely suggested that  
18 that was a contributory cause and they showed how it  
19 could cause them.

20 Q How it could, correct? And you don't  
21 believe that there is even enough benz(a)pyrene in  
22 cigarette smoke to account for the observed increase  
23 in risk, isn't that true?  
24 A I certainly believe there is enough to  
25 account for some increase the risk, but not enough to

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1 account for it all.

2 EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. HURWITZ:

4 Q Doctor, this document was written in 1958 as  
5 we know. Do you recall at this time whether it was  
6 common knowledge among scientists in your field that  
7 benzopyrene was present in cigarette smoke?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And, in fact, there were many published  
10 articles reporting the existence of benzpyrene in  
11 cigarette smoke?

12 A There weren't many, but there were some.

13 Q But you know that in --

14 A I knew that.

15 Q So the fact that there was benzpyrene  
16 discussed in this document wasn't something that  
17 scientists were unaware it, that benzpyrene was --

18 A No, they should be aware of it.

19 Q Doctor, you testified at your deposition  
20 that benzpyrene by itself could not be responsible for  
21 the observed increase in lung cancer; isn't that  
22 correct?

23 A That is correct.

24 EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. GROSSMAN:

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1 Q And do you agree with the statement that you  
2 made at that time that most epidemiological research  
3 is observational in character rather than experimental  
4 and the interpretation of its results is  
5 correspondingly difficult?

6 A Yes, I do.

7 Q Doctor, let me hand you what's been marked  
8 for identification purposes as Defendant's Exhibit No.  
9 4, which is a work caused the Causes of Cancer:  
10 Quantitative Estimates of Avoidable Risks of Cancer in  
11 the United States Today, by Doll and Peto, from the  
12 Journal of the National Cancer Institute in June of  
13 1981. Are you -- you recall having written that  
14 report --

15 A I do.

16 Q -- with Mr. Peto? Doctor, I'd like to  
17 direct your attention to page 1293, footnote 1. And  
18 that deals what recall bias.

19 A Okay.

20 Q I'd like to direct your attention to  
21 footnote 1 in the lower left-hand column, and I'll  
22 read it. It says: "Questionnaires seeking recall of  
23 quantitative smoking habits in the distant past are  
24 notoriously unreliable, and even questionnaires about  
25 current habits may be subject to large errors. For

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1 example, data from four large questionnaire based  
2 surveys suggest a 15 percent reduction between 1964  
3 and 1975 in the number of cigarettes smoked per U.S.  
4 adult, but this reduction is probably chiefly due to



5 progressive increases in underreporting because no  
6 such large trends are evident and more reliable data  
7 on the number of cigarettes actually manufactured. By  
8 1975, 50 percent more cigarettes were being sold than  
9 the questionnaire surveys indicated were being  
10 smoked."

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you recall the data underlying that  
13 footnote?

14 A No, I don't. There is a reference to Warner  
15 '78 but we did check it at the time, and I stand by  
16 the footnote.

17 Q All right. And in your own work on smoking  
18 and health and in your own writings in the field, you  
19 have noted that prior to 1950, the number of people  
20 who were said to have died as a result of lung cancer  
21 is -- present very questionable statistics because of  
22 the poor diagnostics of the period, the lack of x-rays  
23 in the beginning of the century, the development of  
24 bronchoscopy only toward the mid century and a variety  
25 of other factors; isn't that correct?

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1 A Yes, indeed, because we had to demonstrate  
2 that in order to disprove some claims through the  
3 tobacco industry which were saying that smoking could  
4 not have caused lung cancer because the mortality rate  
5 had increased so much more than the amount of  
6 consumption, and Dr. Todd wrote a paper and argued  
7 that very strongly. It finally went to a committee  
8 which was chaired by the government actuary, I think,  
9 and the British tobacco industry entirely failed to  
10 take into account that there had been artifactual  
11 increase in the number of lung cancers -- in the  
12 diagnosis of the lung cancer.

13 Q So it's been your belief for some time and  
14 it remains your belief now that lung cancer statistics  
15 before 1950 are certainly untrustworthy, notoriously  
16 unreliable?

17 A I may well have used that word, but it  
18 doesn't mean to say they have no value, it just means  
19 that they have to be used in great care.

20 Q And you're aware of various studies have  
21 shown on autopsy that diagnoses made in life were very  
22 often wrong?

23 A Sometimes. There is a great  
24 misunderstanding about this frequency which areas are  
25 recorded at autopsies. It depends on how fine you

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1 make your diagnosis.

2 In fact, the clinical diagnosis of cancer  
3 are nearly all correct, there's a small proportions  
4 are not, but if you -- if you do detailed studies in  
5 autopsy and hospital records, you can present it in  
6 such a way as to make it appear 50 percent of your  
7 hospital diagnoses are wrong, but that's by taking  
8 some minute share of the diagnoses and show that's not  
9 confirmed.

10 Q The broader the criteria used, the -- let me  
11 rephrase the question.

12 There are studies regarding misdiagnosis of  
13 primary site of cancer?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Misdiagnosis of cancer itself?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Failure to diagnosis cancer?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Interobserver variations where two

20 different --

21 A Autopsy?

22 Q -- two different -- two different

23 pathologists come to different conclusions as to the

24 cause of death?

25 A As to the site of origin or as to the

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1 histology, they wouldn't come to different conclusions

2 about it being cancer or not. Except in some of these

3 borderline conditions like one has now in breast

4 cancers where really every little, tiny lump has to be

5 removed and the question of whether it's malignant or

6 not or whether it's a benign lump is subject to

7 difference, but the condition which causes death you

8 don't get significant variation between pathologists.

9 Q Between pathologists at autopsy?

10 A No.

11 Q Is that correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. You're aware, though, that studies

14 have been done both interobserver and intraobserver

15 variation in the review of pathological materials?

16 A Yes, indeed, however, I'm trying to make the

17 point that these don't affect the major diagnostic

18 criteria of conditions that cause death.

19 Q Now, are you familiar with studies that have

20 been done by the Royal College of Physicians and

21 Surgeon in London and the Royal College of Physicians

22 and Surgeons in England on autopsy and audit of

23 autopsies?

24 A Some of them.

25 Q They have found a fair degree of

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1 misdiagnosis of primary site of cancer on autopsy,

2 have they not?

3 A Yes. I would like to be reminded of the

4 data, because it's not a major difference of the major

5 cancers.

6 Q All right. There is also a criteria that --

7 then there is also something that is referred to in

8 literature as the occult or silent cancer; is that

9 correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And very often at autopsy a cancer is

12 discovered that was not known during the life of the

13 person?

14 A And quite probably would have made no

15 difference if it had been discovered. It has no

16 affect on the person's life expectancy.

17 Q All right.

18 A It particularly true of prostate, of course.

19 Q You said earlier that smoking is neither the

20 necessary nor sufficient cause of any major disease.

21 A Yes. No, no, I didn't. I said it was the

22 necessary cause of true diseases. I said it wasn't

23 both the necessary and sufficient cause of any

24 disease.

25 Q And you said It's not -- it's not the

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1 necessary and sufficient cause of any disease and it's  
2 neither necessary nor sufficient for any --

3 A For any --

4 Q -- for any major disease including any form  
5 of cancer and any form of pulmonary disease and any  
6 form of heart disease apart from tobacco angina?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Now, the -- given the fact that cigarette  
9 smoking is either a necessary nor sufficient cause of  
10 any of those diseases, one cannot prove that any  
11 particular individual's disease was caused by smoking  
12 through the use of epidemiology; is that correct?

13 A One can only give a probability that it was  
14 caused by smoking.

15 Q Epidemiology relates to large populations  
16 rather than to individuals?

17 A No, no. The data from the large populations  
18 definitely apply to individuals, so that I can give  
19 you -- if you tell me what your past smoking history  
20 has been, I'm assuming that you're not smoking now, I  
21 can give you an indication of the probability if you  
22 develop lung cancer that that will be due to a past  
23 smoking history.

24 Q Now, Doctor, with regard to those various  
25 diseases -- well, let me rephrase that. Even with

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1 those diseases, there are a number of unsolved  
2 puzzles, correct?

3 A The number of unsolved puzzles relates to  
4 every disease.

5 Q All right. Science does not know why some  
6 people who smoke a long time get squamous cell  
7 carcinoma and others get small cell; is that correct?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Similarly, science doesn't know why some  
10 people who smoke don't get lung cancer while others  
11 who do, do get lung cancer?

12 A Well, I don't think that is correct. I  
13 think we do know. But it is very difficult to put  
14 this over to non-epidemiologists, but if you will allow  
15 me a moment, sir, to explain it?

16 Q Certainly.

17 A I think the principal reason is chance.  
18 Now, if you stop and think for a moment, when a cancer  
19 develops in a cell, the stem cell in the bronchial  
20 mucosa, let's say that is treated and cured, is  
21 sometimes cured, what happens to all the other cells  
22 in the bronchial mucosa? Those have the same genetic  
23 susceptibility, the same DNA, they been exposed to the  
24 cigarette smoke in the same way, but it doesn't have  
25 cancer in 10,000 cells, the cancer develops in one

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1 cell, and that is because half a dozen things have  
2 happen in that one cell that results the production of  
3 a cell which escapes from the control mechanism in the  
4 body that normally stops it from multiplying. But all  
5 the other cells have had exactly the same exposures,  
6 the susceptibility as the one that has turned into  
7 cancer. Why has he had cancer in that cell and not in  
8 the others? But chance.

9 Now, if that is so and there were 10,000  
10 cells which could have been affected -- I can't swear  
11 to that number, it might be 5,000, it might be 50,000,

12 I don't know, but the large number of stem cells in  
13 the bronchi, if only one of them has turned into  
14 cancer, surely it's not surprising that in you you've  
15 got one which has turned into cancer but I haven't got  
16 one that has turned into cancer although we've had  
17 exactly the same exposure.

18 Q Chance plays a large part?

19 A Chance plays a very important part in  
20 determining that one person gets cancer and another  
21 person doesn't.

22 Q And one cannot predict in advance because of  
23 large play a chance which concern will get cancer and  
24 which one won't?

25 A No, you can't.

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1 Q Similarly, looking retrospectively, one  
2 cannot say why one person got cancer and another  
3 person didn't --

4 A I must go --

5 Q -- except to say that cancer had a role?

6 A One must -- I must go back to your previous  
7 sentence -- question because I gave the wrong answer.  
8 There are some examples where you can say because of a  
9 high susceptibility that that's why the person got it.  
10 What that usually means is that one of those changes  
11 which are required to turn a normal cell into a cancer  
12 cell was present at birth in all the normal cells and  
13 so that person is much more likely to get it. So  
14 there are some people that you can say, yes, they are  
15 much more likely to get the disease. But for the vast  
16 majority of people, the principal reason why one gets  
17 it and the others don't is chance.

18 (At this time the videotape of Dr. Doll was  
19 concluded.)

20 THE COURT: That concludes the video.

21 Very well then, we'll be in recess until tomorrow  
22 morning at nine.

23 (The proceedings were adjourned at 5:20  
24 p.m.)

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